

Senate File 273 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the commission for the blind to enter
2 into certain contracts to provide news and information
3 services for the blind and print handicapped and making an
4 appropriation.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 216B.3, subsection 19, paragraphs a and
2 b, Code 2011, are amended to read as follows:

3 a. The commission ~~may~~ shall enter into necessary contracts
4 and arrangements with the national federation for the blind
5 to provide for the delivery of newspapers over the telephone,
6 furnished by the national federation for the blind.

7 b. The commission ~~may~~ shall enter into necessary contracts
8 and arrangements with the Iowa radio reading information
9 service for the blind and print handicapped to provide for the
10 delivery of newspapers, magazines, and other printed materials
11 over the radio, furnished by the Iowa radio reading information
12 service for the blind and print handicapped.

13 Sec. 2. Section 216B.3, subsection 19, Code 2011, is amended
14 by adding the following new paragraph:

15 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. For each fiscal year, there is
16 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
17 department fifty thousand dollars for purposes of implementing
18 contracts pursuant to this subsection. Notwithstanding section
19 8.33, moneys appropriated pursuant to this subsection shall not
20 revert to the general fund or any other fund but shall remain
21 available for expenditure by the department pursuant to this
22 subsection in succeeding fiscal years.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill requires that the commission for the blind enter
25 into certain contracts with the national federation of the
26 blind and the Iowa radio reading information service for the
27 provision of certain news and information for the blind and
28 print handicapped. The bill provides an annual appropriation
29 of \$50,000 to the department for the blind, and provides that
30 the money so appropriated shall not revert back to the general
31 fund of the state, but may be used in subsequent fiscal years
32 to contract for such services.